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REPORT BY THE SECRETARY-GENERAL IN PURSUANCE OF SECURITY COUNCIL
RESOLUTION 218 (1965) ADOPTED ON 23 NOVEMBER 1965 ON THE QUESTION
CONCERNING THE SITUATION IN TERRITORIES UNDER PORTUGUESE
ADMINISTRATION

Addendum

Letter dated 1 July 1966 from the Chargé d'Affaires a.i. of Portugal
addressed to the Chef de Cabinet, transmitting a reply dated
28 June 1966 from the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Portugal
to the Secretary-General's letter dated 11 April 1966

Further to our conversation of yesterday, I have the honour to transmit
herewith a letter from the Foreign Minister of Portugal, Dr. Alberto Franco Nogueira
to the Secretary-General of the United Nations which I should thank you very much
to include in the report of the Secretary-General on the Portuguese Overseas
Provinces or, in case this is not possible, to have it published as an addition.

(Signed) António PATRICIO
Chargé d'Affaires a.i. of Portugal
to the United Nations

Sir,

1. With reference to your letter of 11 April 1966 concerning Security Council resolution S/218 (1965) of 23 November 1965, and without prejudice to the considerations set out in my letter of 21 March 1966 and the explicit reservations made in that letter, I have the honour to draw your attention once again to the Portuguese Government's intention of helping to explore various problems with which the Security Council has been dealing and which, according to what some delegations have affirmed, seem to be matters of interest and concern to some of the States Members of the United Nations. Among these problems, the Portuguese Government lays stress on those relating to regional co-operation among States and to international peace and security. These problems have, moreover, been dealt with on numerous occasions by the Security Council and other principal organs of the United Nations, and therefore, as you will agree, their importance cannot and must not be denied or minimized. The Portuguese Government accordingly does not wish to take any stand that would hinder the consideration of such important matters or to assume the responsibility for not allowing them to be examined and clarified.

2. In these circumstances the Portuguese Government is prepared to accept your suggestion for the prompt discussion of the aforementioned problems, and I accordingly take the liberty of pointing out the appropriateness of taking advantage of the opportunity afforded by the coming session of the General Assembly to engage in talks on these matters on such occasion in the course of that session as might be agreed upon, first with you alone and later within such broader framework as might be mutually judged appropriate.

3. If you agree on the practical merits of what is stated above, the Mission of Portugal to the United Nations will be instructed to come to an agreement with you concerning the most suitable occasion for such talks.

Accept, Sir, etc.

(Signed) A. Franco NOGUEIRA
Minister for Foreign Affairs of Portugal